Nuggets of News

GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY — gold discovered 1857 — 1986 — recording the past-for the future

October/ November, 1998

News, Photographs and Events of the Gold Hill Historical Society, Est. 1986
Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum, 504 First Avenue, Gold Hill, Oregon
(Except August when the annual picnic/potluck is held at noon on the Museum grounds on the Sunday following the 3rd Wednesday).
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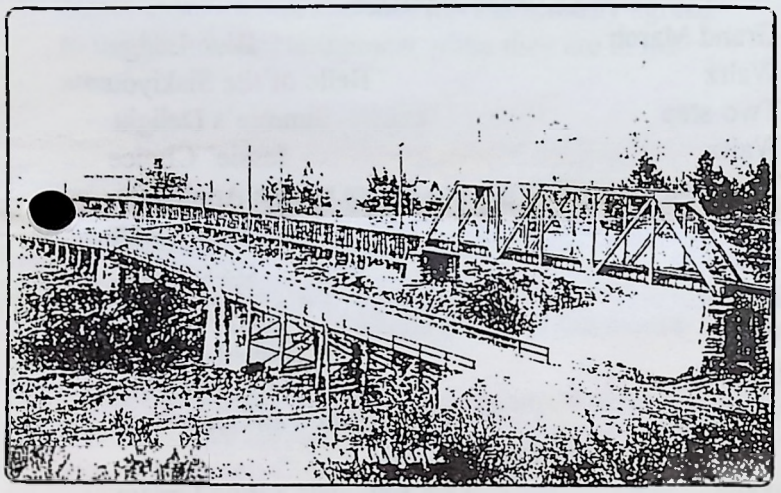
1999 CALENDARS

1999 GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1999



HISTORICAL BRIDGES IN GOLD HILL AREA

Our annual calendar has gone to press and is now available to all who would like to purchase one. They are available in our gift shop for $5.00 each or if you wish to have one mailed, there is an additional charge of $1.00 for shipping and handling. Once again, we have been able to hold the price at $5.00 by doing our own printing and binding. This new calendar is bound with the plastic "comb" binders, which makes it much easier to handle and display. Our pictures were computer scanned by new members, Cliff and Barbara Finnie, which also saved us a considerable amount over having them screened so they would copy well.

We are quite proud of this calendar. Searching for just the right photos and their history took many hours. Many thanks to Ted Wharton who bore the brunt of the work, as usual.

Our topic this year is once again bridges in the Gold Hill area. Our geographic location dictates many bridges, so we thought the topic was due for a repeat. Many of the bridges in this issue were not showcased in our last bridges calendar. Please note, also, the postmark which shows in the cover photo. This was originally a photo postcard which had been mailed, and the ink from the original postmark seeped through the photo. We thought it worth leaving as a point of interest.

While doing research Ted came across an obituary announcement for Earl James Campbell, and we thought it was worthy of note here. Mr. Campbell, age 100, died July 7, 1997. He had spent most of his life as a cowboy and farmer. While he lived in Jackson County, he helped build the road from Foots Creek to Gold Hill with a team of horses. Using a horse drawn dump wagon, he dumped the first load of dirt to build the Rock Point bridge.

Campbell

REQUEST FOR PHOTO

Do you have, or have you seen, an old photograph taken in the Gold Hill Hotel bar showing a woman's reflection in the big mirror? This picture had been at the old Oregon Museum on Sardine Creek. The woman was David Hahn's grandmother and he would like a copy. Let us know and we can copy this or any old photographs

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MORE ON BRIDGES

Taken from *GOLD HILL NEWS*, March 28, 1914 Volume 16 No 47

Faulty construction of the wagon bridge at Rogue River (or Woodville), installed only five years ago, has resulted in the structure being condemned as endangered. An upper pier on the west side of the river was not foundationed upon bedrock, but upon loose material, which subsequently washed out. While the bridge is not exactly "tottering above the boiling tide", it will require a new foundation as soon as low water arrives. Meantime it is safe for all the ordinary purposes of travel and traffic. Yesterday and Earhardt, of Portland, were the contracting builders.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CURATOR

The museum is running very smoothly. Visitors are coming from all over, enjoying our tours and doing research.

We are in need of quality vintage clothing for the mannequins, either as loans or donations, and would like loans of small collections to fill the cases (buttons, sewing items, stamps, knives, etc.). We would also greatly appreciate any local Indian or Chinese artifacts of information on either.

Thank you,

Joyce Wayland

Curator

OLD MINE

Much interest has been shown about the famous Blue Ledge Copper mine. We have an extensive file on this operation for public study. Following is an article taken from the July 1906 *GOLD HILL NEWS* reporting on a social event at the mine.

Dancing a la Blue Ledge

The ball and banquet given at the Blue Ledge Mine Saturday evening will be an event long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to have been present. Superintendent Carnahan and his assistants certainly know how to entertain and the following program will give the reader a faint idea of how the Blue Ledge citizens take care of their guests. It comes to us very appropriately printed on "blue print" paper.

When everybody "Has Time"

BLUE LEDGE MINE

June 30, 1906

Grand March	Blue Ledge
Waltz	Belle of the Siskiyou
Two step	Jimmie's Delight
Waltz	Jessie' Choice
Two step	Down on the Applegate
Military Schottische	a la Carnahan
Waltz	Bloomfield
Lancers	Wanderings of the Blacksmiths
Waltz	Perkins in Ecstasy
Polka	Packtrain Belles
Waltz	Fair Women and Sunshine

Wait---For the smoke to clear

Waltz	Gas Engineer's Pipe Dream
Two step	Joe's Bar
Waltz	Han's Fantasy
Two step	Diamond Jack
Waltz	Gossan King
Two step	Rough and "Reddy"
Waltz	Time to "Shoot"

Assayers Report on Lunch Baskets

SOUP

Consumme — Cream of "Burley"

Bullion a la Distillate

FISH

Muckers in Cream — Fried Lifters

RELISHES

Miners Mixtures — Chopped Candles and Caps

SALADS

Armstrong Murphy — Blue Ledge Snails

MEATS

Roast Powder Monkey Peacock Copper
Yellow Gossan with Upper Sauce
ENTREES
Diamond Drill Cores Macaroni and Fuse
Pine Cone Fritters
DESSERT
Skillet Pudding Smiley Sauce
Carlson's Steam Pudding
Cook and Green Apple Pie Nobob Pie
Ice Cream - Nipper a Dream
Powder Smoke a la mode

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STAMP MILL

Work is stalled on setting up the stamp mill. It is so heavy with the hammers installed that our previous helpers and their equipment are not able to handle it to set it up. Ted Wharton has contacted James Construction and they have graciously agreed to use their heavy equipment when they are in the area.

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MEETINGS

The November meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendar - this one falls a little earlier in the month than we're expecting!

The December meeting is once again an early one. It is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. This is our Christmas celebration meeting when we have our dessert and hors d'oeuvres potluck and gift exchange. There is a $5.00 limit on gifts, and each woman brings a woman's gift, each man, a man's gift. At the suggestion of Clare Moore, we also decided to go back to an activity of the society when it was young and bring an antique or heirloom to the December meeting to share its history with others. Please join us at these and all of our meetings. We'd love to see you.

HOLIDAYS

The museum is closed on holidays so our volunteers may spend these special days with their families. Upcoming days of closure are:

Veterans' Day	Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26
Christmas	Friday, December 25
New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 1999

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NEW ROOF

The new roof on the museum was completed in August, and our contractor, Cothran Construction, did a beautiful job. Both dormers required replacing most of the siding due to dryrot. Many pieces of trim and roof boards were also replaced, and the Cothran's were sure that everything was painted to match as it was put up. It is a wonderful feeling of comfort to go into our winter rainy season knowing we're snug and dry. It was a constant worry before this, wondering if we had the buckets in the right place if the roof started leaking during the night or over the weekend, and hoping and praying none of the artifacts were situated where they'd be damaged.

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NEW PROJECTS

Early in November we will be having a new 6' chain link fence installed on the west side of the property, as well as a 3' fence for about 25' of the front of the lot where the old cement fence has crumbled. We'll let the ivy climb this 3' section of fence and in a few years, it should look just like a continuation of the cement fence, covered with ivy. The 6' fence along the west property line is required to keep roaming dogs out. We feel it is imperative to keep the property clean and safe for visitors, since we are developing more and more outside displays. When we first moved into this beautiful Beeman-Martin house, our neighbor on the west installed a 6' wood fence, while we dug the post holes as our share of the cost. This fence has now deteriorated to allow access to the property by all of the neighborhood dogs. Having the new fence should reduce our liability.

Another project which won't wait much longer is

the bathroom remodel. In the strictest sense, it really isn't only a remodel - its a matter of replacing dryrot wood in the floor. We've all dreaded this project, but it can't wait any longer, so we'll "bite the bullet" and get moving on it. This will require renting an "outhouse", so with Halloween past and cooler weather in November, we'll be able to start this project.

These two projects should just about complete "major" projects, but there will always be repairs, enhancements and replacements in a house this age. We do feel happy with what has been accomplished since we were able to purchase the house for our museum.

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BURN THE MORTGAGE

That's right. On September 15, 1998, we were able to pay off the mortgage, so now our beautiful museum is ours! This too, is a wonderful feeling in these days of tighter money for funding. We are so grateful to Jackson County and Southern Oregon Historical Society for all of their help with our budgets each year and funding from the historical fund to help us achieve this goal.

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DOLL RAFFLE

Our beautiful porcelain Indian doll was raffled off at the August potluck/meeting. She was won by Janet Sessions and has already taken up residence at her new home with Janet and Jerry's granddaughter in southern California.

Attendance was great at the August potluck, and as usual, the food was yummy. Our weather was beautiful after the horribly hot, hot days we had earlier in the month when the roofers were working. If you missed it in 1998, mark your calendars for Sunday, August 22, 1999 and join us for a good time.

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HERE'S AN ANGEL TO WATCH OVER YOU

by Sheryl A. McCarthy

Many people will walk in and out of your life,
but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.
To handle yourself, use your head;
To handle others, use your heart.
Anger is only one letter short of danger.
If someone betrays you once, it's his fault;
if he betrays you twice, it's your fault.
Great minds discuss ideas;
Average minds discuss events;
Small minds discuss people.
God gives every bird it's food;
But He does not throw it into it's nest.
He who loses money, loses much;
He who loses a friend, loses more;
He who loses faith, loses all.
Beautiful young people are acts of nature,
But beautiful old people are works of art.
Learn from the mistakes of others.
You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
The tongue weighs practically nothing.
But so few people can hold it.
Friends, you and me....
You brought another friend...
And then there were 3...
We started our group...
Our circle of friends...
And like that circle...
There is no beginning or end..

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Guardian Angel*

Here is an angel sent to watch over you...
In order for this angel to work you must pass it on to the people you want watched over....

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CHAVNER HOUSE

On Sunday, September 13, many of us were treated to a tour of the beautifully restored Chavner/Thompson/Estremado house. Jim and Becky Estremado have done a wonderful job and are now living in this grand old home. They have our best wishes for many happy years in their new home. Be sure to tour when the home is open for tours as a part of the historic homes tours. When we look back at pictures of the house as it had deteriorated during the years of neglect, it is doubly gratifying to see how Becky's attention to detail has again brought it to life.

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ANNUAL DUES

Just a reminder, since this will be the last newsletter before the first of the year, that membership dues are due each January. So far we've been able to hold the line and keep dues at $5.00 for a family membership per year. If you haven't already paid your 1999 dues, there's a form at the bottom of this page for you to use.

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Gold Hill Historical Society
Membership Form - 1999

Name _____

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THAT'S SCARY

Two boys were bragging about their grandfathers' talents. "My Grandpa made a scarecrow so scary that it frightened every crow off the farm," the one boy boasted.

"That's nothing," said the other. "My Grandpa made a scarecrow so fierce-looking that the crows brought back the corn they stole last year."

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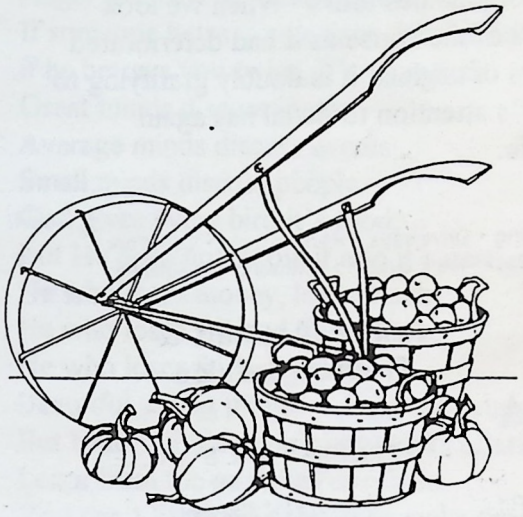
PURPOSE & GOALS

Gold Hill Historical Society's Purpose and Goals are to collect, document, and preserve the history of Gold Hill and the surrounding area through:

* Oral Histories
* Photographs
* Artifacts
* Books



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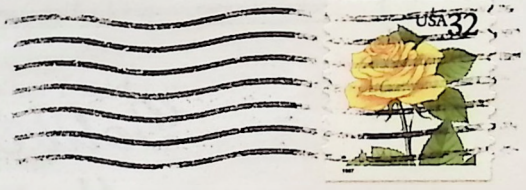

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